

## Write a Spring Haiku

### Informational Handout

The first day of spring is a perfect time to write a Haiku. Spring in itself creates a certain mood. Read about Haikus and then write one. They are often illustrated.

**What is a Haiku?** A Haiku is a form of poetry that started in Japan. A Haiku has 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables, for a total of 17 syllables.

#### A Haiku:

Captures a moment of nature

Uses specific and carefully chosen words

Creates a mood

Doesn't rhyme



Read the examples below by Matsuo Bashō, one of the most famous Haiku poets of all time, and G. Lipson.

An old silent pond (5)  
A frog jumps into the pond (7)  
Splash, silence again. (5)  
*Basho*

In the darkest woods (5)  
A weeping willow tree cries (7)  
Who made such sadness? (5)  
*G. Lipson*

## Student Worksheet

Now it's time to write your own Haiku. Follow the list of tips below.

1. Think of a spring scene that gives you special memories or feelings.
2. Really picture this scenic moment in your mind and then write down words and phrases that describe it. **Remember a Haiku is a picture painted with words.**

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3. Remember a Haiku is 3 lines, line one has 5 syllables, line two has 7 syllables, and line three has 5 syllables. Create a powerful realistic visual with just 17 syllables. Refer to the *Informational Handout* if you need help.

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Now write or type it on a plain piece of paper and include an illustration.